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Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

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The Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 imposes new requirements and establishes more stringent air quality standards on many Illinois businesses. The scope has been broadened to include additional and often smaller industries that emit air pollutants. The new regulations will require many smaller businesses to respond with additional activities such as:

- Obtain additional and more complex permits
- Establish pollution prevention/waste reduction programs
- Install pollution control equipment
- Keep records on chemical emissions

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 mandate each state to implement a Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, a non-regulatory agency, is administering this program at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Program provides:

- ⦿ Electronic bulletin board 217/787-6255, settings: ANSI, 8, N, 1
- ⦿ Information clearinghouse 217/785-4557; Telecommunications Device for the Deaf 800/785-6055
- ⦿ Environmental Services Directory - listing of environmental consultants in Illinois
- ⦿ “How to Select an Environmental Consultant” Guide

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs assembled the Program to help small businesses understand and follow the often complicated and confusing rules that protect Illinois air. The purposes of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program include:

- Represent the interests of small businesses in the development of environmental rules and regulations
- Assist businesses in understanding the air quality rules and regulations that may apply to them
- Provide referrals to other environmental assistance resources
- Assist small businesses in developing methods to comply with environmental regulations with emphasis on pollution prevention
- Publicize effective innovative technologies as methods of complying with environmental rules and regulations
- Facilitate workshops and training sessions to include air regulations, pollution prevention and new technology

Are You A Small Business Owner?

If you are in business as a:

- Air Conditioning Contractor
- Asphalt Contractor
- Autobody Shop
- Auto Repair Shop
- Bakery
- Chrome Electroplater
- Dry Cleaner
- Furniture Maker
- Furniture Refinisher
- Laundry
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Finisher
- Plastics Manufacturer
- Printer
- Publisher
- Refrigerator/Air Conditioning Service and Repair
- Service Station
- Tar Paving Applicator
- Wood Finisher
- And many more

You are likely to be affected by one or more provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.



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Where To Call For Help . . .

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Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

217/524-5199 ► TDD-800/785-6055

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Consultation Program

800/972-4216 ► TDD-800/785-6055

ILLINOIS EPA

Small Business Ombudsman ► 217/524-3333

Public Information ► 217/782-5562

Bureau of Air ► 217/782-7326

Bureau of Land ► 217/782-6760

Bureau of Water ► 217/782-1654

Pollution Prevention ► 217/782-9895

IEPA TDD-217/782-9143

HWRIC

Hazardous Waste Research and Information Center

217/333-8569 ► TDD-217/785-0211

U.S. EPA

U.S. EPA, Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman

800/368-5888 ► TDD-703/305-6824

U.S. EPA, Region 5

800/572-2515 ► TDD-800/553-0844

U.S. EPA, Stratospheric Ozone Hotline

800/296-1996 ► TDD-800/526-0844

RCRA/Superfund Hotline

800/424-9346 ► TDD-800/553-7672

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse

202/260-1023 ► TDD-800/526-0844

